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Little chance of reversing decision to stop refining at **Marsden Point**

When Naomi James, the Chief Executive Officer of NZ Refining Ltd., spoke at the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting on Tuesday evening 10 August it was made very clear that there is little chance of a reversal of the path the company is on: to convert the Marsden Point refinery into a fuel import terminal.

Ms. James said, "All three of our customers want these changes."

She explained that over the last 12 months the fuel distribution companies Z Energy, Mobil and BP had paid out \$120 million to keep the refinery going by way of a purchase agreement, which guaranteed they paid a certain price for refining services. The \$120 million was over and above the price they would have paid if they had imported refined fuel.

Ms. James said understandably these companies did not want to continue to pay this extra amount.

She went through some of the "Challenges the refinery

There is an oversupply of refining services in the Asia Pacific region. New bigger more modern refineries in China and South Korea can operate more efficiently and the profit margins of the MP refinery have been squeezed.

There are ongoing repercussions of the Covid 19 epidemic. Demand for aviation fuel is down to 40% of what it was pre Covid.

She said there were challenges with the cost and sup-

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Good times at the Waipū Lions seniors' lunch



The serving table was groaning with big plates of roast vegetables, peas, carrots, chicken and ham at the Waipū Lions senior's annual luncheon which was held this year on Saturday 7 August in the Coronation Hall. Lions members had worked all morning to prepare the meal and seemed to be enjoying themselves as much as their guests.

More pictures of the Waipū Seniors' dinner on page 13.





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EDITORIAL

No sword wielding savour likely for the Marsden Point Refinery

It seems very unlikely that any sword-wielding saviour will come riding through the mist on a white charger to save the Marsden Point Refinery. You just can't argue with \$120 million per annum in costs that continuing to refine at Marsden Point would entail over and above the price of importing already refined fuel.

Refining NZ CEO Naomi James has said she doesn't think a government subsidy would be a sustainable option. The company hasn't sought a government bail out and none has been offered.

At this point we probably need to think about all the advantages the refinery has brought to Bream Bay during the 60 years since its construction began and work

The refinery has been a big consumer of water and it has been useful for the Whangārei District Council to have such a consistent paying customer as regards its water supply services. The daily water take by the refinery in operation is 4,000 cubic metres a day as compared to the take for the whole of Waipū, Waipū Cove and Langs Beach during the peak summer period, which is around 1,400 cubic metres a day.

Some of the infrastructure, which serves Bream Bay such as the water pipeline from the Ahuroa River to the wastewater treatment plant in Ruakākā, was funded bythe refinery. Upgrades in water collection and storage - the Wilson's Dam, the Ruakākā water treatment plant were hastened by the water use requirements of the

Once the refinery closes there will be a lot more water available for a potential new industry or horticultural venture. We are less likely to face water shortages and water use restrictions as we did several years ago.

The refinery has provided some well paid jobs and contract work during shutdowns, which has sustained many local businesses. Some of the highly trained and specialized refinery operational staff may have to move overseas to continue their careers. Others may find the skills and disciplines learned at the refinery equip them well for work with some of our local engineering and manufacturing firms.

The refinery has provided educational scholarships for local young people. Refinery staff have served on school boards of trustees and sports club committees. The Refining NZ Fire Brigade professional staff have worked closely with the volunteers of the Ruakākā and Waipū Fire Brigades to list just some of the benefits that have come to this community

Providing New Zealand with fuel security appears to have been behind the decisions of successive governments to pump public money into this project - \$10 million in 1962 for the initial construction, \$160 million for an expansion in 1973, \$1.8 billion for the Think Big expansion and construction of the 170 kilometre pipeline between Marsden Point and Wiri in 1981 until in 1984 the reformist Fourth Labour Government handed the whole thing over to Refining NZ (with major shareholders were the big oil companies) along with a \$80 million gift to help the company adapt to the new environment.

So what has changed? Did all that public expenditure ever make sense? The Marsden Point Refinery has always been dependent on imported crude. I wonder if importing refined fuel directly to various ports around New Zealand might provide a safer option than having 70% of the nation's supply dependent on the refinery and the distribution of such a large portion of that 70% reliant on the Marsden Point to Wiri pipeline.

We are more dependent on trade than we have ever been. Medical supplies, building products, clothing and even (in this food producing nation) much of what we eat is imported. Disrupted shipping schedules due to Covid 19 have brought some surprises. Who knew roadside speed signs are now made in China?

Self-reliance has gone out the window in favour of cheaper prices and attaining a higher standard of living. It has become vitally important to maintain good relationships with the countries we trade with. We are a very small part of a giant global economy and can't afford to indulge in any jingoistic sentiment. Perhaps this is a good thing.

Marilyn

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ply of electricity and gas needed to run the plant and then there is the move to decarbonize the economy.

"We don't expect the demand (for refined oil products) to decline in the next ten years but after that we expect it to decline considerably."

"We are also faced with increased costs and challenges with our carbon foot print."

Refining NZ has not asked the Government for a subsidy to keep it in operation.

Ms. James said this would not be a sustainable solution to the refinery's problems.

"We have been to the government asking what's your view of the strategic importance of retaining a refinery in New Zealand."

She said the New Zealand Government doesn't have the view that the refinery needs to remain in operation. This is different from the Australian Government's position. Refineries in Australia have been facing the same challenges as Refining NZ. Two of Australia's remaining four refineries are in the process of shutting down. However, in the interests of retaining fuel security, the Australian government has stepped in with a refining margin guarantee deal to save the remaining two. This will cost the Australian taxpayers in excess of \$1billion.

Ms. James said Australia was in a different position to New Zealand in that Australia extracts significantly more crude oil. Here in New Zealand crude oil production has declined and all the crude oil we do extract is exported.

Talks are ongoing with Government representatives about how the portion of the refinery site, surplus to requirements for the import terminal could be utilised. A proposal to develop a solar electricity plant is being considered once again. There are also ideas around the production of biofuels and liquid hydrogen. While some of the plant would be dismantled, parts of it would be retained in case it could be reutilised for these purposes.

Jules Flight said he had heard that very few mothballed refineries were ever reused and asked if this was a ruse so Refining NZ didn't have to clean up and decontaminate the site, which could be an expensive exercise.

Ms. James said that mothballing was in itself an expensive exercise.

She said as good use had been made of refining by-products such as sulphur there were not stockpiles of waste materials on the site and that the import ter-



minal would continue to operate under the same strict conditions as the refinery had operated under.

The refinery has just obtained a 35-year renewal of its resource consents, which require groundwater monitoring, and management of ground contaminants within the site.

Warren Daniel asked about fuel security given the possibility that geo-political tensions could develop in China and South Korea, where the refineries NZ will be relying on are located.

Mrs. James said, as an import terminal the Marsden Point site would remain a critical part of New Zealand's infrastructure. There would be storage for 180 million litres of fuel at Marsden Point and capacity for more storage if the refinery's customers wanted this. The 180 million litres equated to around 17 to 18 days supply. Across New Zealand there was storage capacity for 40 -45 days of supply. In addition, at any given time there would be a number of oil tankers in transit heading to NZ.

She said the Marsden Point site could provide more storage capacity (the 180 million litres would take up only 20% of its tank capacity) if this is needed but this would come at a cost

The Marsden Point terminal will supply fuel to Northland and Auckland. Fuel for other parts of the country will be brought into the nearest port directly. The coastal tankers, which deliver fuel from the refinery around New Zealand, will no longer be calling in here, so there will be fewer shipping movements.

Trevor Le Clus asked what quality control there would be on the imported fuels.

Mrs. James said that would be up to the companies that were importing the fuel.

She said that around 30% of the fuel used in New Zealand was already being imported by the fuel company Gull.

Asked what skill sets refinery staff facing redundancy have Jack Stewart, the NZ Refining Operations manager said there was a mix of engineering, operations and corporate staff. He said the engineering and corporate staff have skills, which are transferable. However the operational staff had in some cases spent years training to a high degree in operating the refinery processes and they would likely need to move to another country to find work in this very specialized field.

Ms. James described the tricky situation Refining NZ is in, needing to retain its skilled staff while the operation continues and is shut down while at the same time helping those who will be made redundant plan for their futures.

Sharon Booth asked if the refinery management had considered the impact the closure would have on the local community.

Mrs. James said, "There will be two years of decommissioning work and a lot of work to upgrade terminal facilities which would help to buffer the economic impact of the refinery closure."



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Daffodils in Finlayson Brooks Rd.



The daffodils are out along the roadside fences in Finlayson Brooks Rd. The daffodils were planted by the late Alex McLean who lived and farmed alongside where the flowers now grow. Alex and his son Peter planted the first bulbs when Peter brought half a dozen bulbs home from Waipū Primary School. Year after year they divided the clumps and spread them out along the roadside fences. Peter was killed in a work related accident when he was sixteen-years-old and Alex kept growing the daffodils as a memorial to his son. The Alex McLean Charitable Trust today gives grants to community projects, a recent recipient being the Waipū to Waipū Cove cycle and Walkway Trust .

LETTERS

NZTA-Labour in chaos

Your 5/8/21 edition raised various matters that I shall endeavour to interconnect. First the startling news that the SH1 widening budget had doubled to \$1.3 billion. BB News previously stated the NZTA had been working on this project for seven years. NZ Geological Survey maps in the 1970's showed the presence of Onerahi Chaos in this region not to mention information from previous road construction. To lay the belated cost increase on 'new information' is not credible. The additional highway width due to the "stupid" cycle/pedestrian way, median provision and 'green' drains are more likely culprits, as well as increased property values. NZTA recently purchased my previous 2 ha property at a value nearly 70% higher than when I sold it in early 2017. Perhaps the Otaika roundabout works (the least inspiring roading example I have seen) provided a basis of cost doubling? None of this was unforeseeable. NZTA should examine their core competencies and the local MP and Minister of Transport should be more forensic. I suggest this is a prime example of spin.

As is safety. Safety is used to make things more palatable to the public. The new speed limits are a good example. How can 40kph around One Tree Point be justified? Who makes these decisions? I am surprised Waipu missed the opportunity of a pedestrian mall and cycle bridge over the Waipu River!! A new bypass to the Cove could have eliminated pesky vehicles altogether (as well as customers!!).

NZTA used safety to justify the northern Brynderwyn improvements. This doesn't explain the massive off alignment earthworks and drainage which most likely were required to safeguard the overall stability of SH1. If this was the case why not say so? More to the point, do such "safety" works really make driving safer? Inattentive, stupid and dangerous drivers are a

fixture. There's no fixing stupid so how much should we spend on a 'nanny' mentality? Where do we stop? The proposed Ruakaka Service Centre (RSC) lies within the SH1 widening corridor. Has NZTA abandoned the corridor or is it shelved to re-emerge at a later date? The corridor caused stress and anxiety for property owners which doesn't go away if the corridor overhang remains. NZTA and the Government need to be transparent and make clear their plan. This is also fundamental to the RSC which should not proceed if the land is required for SH1. In any event, the egress proposed from the RSC is a prime safety issue for NZTA unless they intend to reduce the SH speed limits to 40kph!! Whangarei District Council (WDC) should not even be considering the RSC development under the current District Plan. It takes the term "discretionary activity" into a whole new realm and disregards the site vulnerability to climate change events. If you can't rely on the District Plan to prevent inappropriate development, what can you rely on? Experience suggests this doesn't matter to a rate hungry WDC. Most likely they will abrogate responsibility to a commissioner hearing.

Finally, there is the rail link to Northport. Will the \$300-400m also double? Northport would not spend this amount on a rail link because it does not make commercial sense. Taxpayers would benefit from facts rather than unctuous cant. Maybe hyperbole works for disused rail lines, cycle bridges and cycle/pedestrian ways to nowhere. After all, the bridge to nowhere in Avignon, France is a major tourist attraction (though it was functional when built in 1185). Maybe the rail link to Northport will make Ruakaka famous.

Steve Scott Ruakākā

More letters on page 6.

Black plastic mesh reappears on beach



Black plastic mesh is once again visible on the beach at Ruakaka in front of the

The mesh came into view in March after extreme high tides caused dune erosion along the length of Bream Bay. Subsequent tides covered it one more it sand but stormy weather earlier this month has exposed it once again.

The mesh was placed there to protect the dunes in front of the Marsden Power station site back in 1988 after cyclone Bola, when it was feared the dunes would collapse and the tide would flood the station.

Terry O'Meara who was working at the power station at this time said expert advice was sought and the solution was to fill a big mesh sock with concrete and to bury this in a deep trench about half way between the dunes and the low tide mark. Another measure was to build a series of fences with the black mesh nailed to them to capture sand and build up the dunes.

Yvonne Jackson raised the issue at the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting last week.

Association Chairman Jules Flight commented the problem of dune erosion and the exposure of the black mesh is only likely to get worse.

Northland Regional Councillor Rick Stolwerk said he would report the problem to the NRC's environmental hotline.

Ruakākā Beach to get new changing rooms

a new toilet block and some changing rooms. Hodge, District Whangārei Council's Parks and Recreation been meeting

Ruakākā Beach is to get

Manager said council staff have local hapu and various community groups and there was a general consensus to build an additional toilet including building changing rooms. The Council's preferred

The current public toilets at Ruakākā Beach

site is adjacent to the Ruakākā Lifesaving Club near where the existing toilet block stands.. The present toilet block will remain to provide additional toilet

Sue Hodge said she hoped the new facility could be ready by summer but there are "no guarantees" as "consenting can be prolonged and getting supplies such as toilet pans and timber have long lead in times at the moment.'

Ruakākā beach was the scene of some big events last summer such as a national volleyball and surf life saving competitions with organisers having to arrange for Port-o-loos to be brought in to cater for the crowds.



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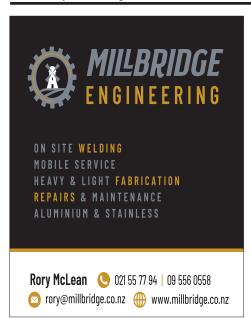
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Quick response from the Ruakākā Fire Brigade Photo by Pam Bedwell



A fire broke just off Karo Rd on the top bank of the Ruakaka River along the Queen's chain on Tuesday 10 August. Nearby residents were unsure how it started but local volunteer fire fighters were quick to respond

Does ACC cover roading contractors?

In reading the item headed "Traffic Management getting a bit out of hand", I note that Mr Goes has expressed concerns that contractors and traffic management companies have worries that they have liability should any of their workers or a member of the public be injured at a job.

This is contrary to my understanding that no one can

be sued for injury caused in New Zealand, due to the existence of ACC which covers all such liability and the act removes the ability to sue anyone or any entity for injuries caused within the country.

Richard Reynolds Waipū

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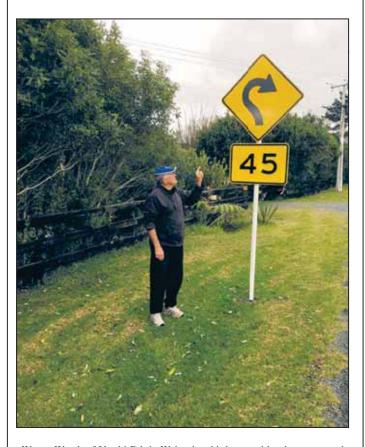


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Some baffling speed sign contradictions

A bit bemused by the new road speed signs



Wayne Wrack of Uretiti Rd. in Waipū is a bit bemused by the new speed signs in his road. Travelling towards the highway there is a sign suggesting that you should be driving at 45 kmph while coming in the other direction the sign says 80kmph.

The direction of the arrow on the 45k sign also has him shaking his head. If someone came along here at night who didn't know the road, they would end up in the paddock."

He also wonders about the decision to place a 100kmph sign 60 metres before the intersection with State Highway One and thinks a sign warning an intersection was coming up would make more sense in this spot.



The road speed sign outside Bream Bay College says 50 but painted on the road in large letters there remains a large 70.

With the help of Councillor Ken Couper the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association has managed to sort out some contradictory road speed signs. Members of the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association brought some problems with the new signage to Councillor Couper's attention at the association's August meeting last week and emailed him with photographs to illustrate some of the problems. Councillor Couper passed the concerns on to Calvin Thomas, the General Manager of the Northland Transportation Alliance.

Mr. Thomas subsequently had the project manager overseeing the installation of the new signs carry out a site assessment along with the contractor responsible for their installation.

Mr. Thomas said in an email to the RRRA secretary Richard Morris, "I can confirm that in addition to the points you have raised we have also identified a couple of other issues related to the signage in the area still to be addressed."

The incorrect historic road markings will be blacked out, the slip road sign will be re-oriented and some inconsistent 50kmph signs along Peter Snell Rd., which now has a speed limit of 40, will be covered over until some new 40kmph signs arrive to replace them.

Mr. Morris commented "a non-defensive and honest reply and a good outcome."



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Three on home detention after arrests for methamphetamine supply charges

In December 2020 the Whangārei Police Meth Harm Reduction Team, led by Detective Sergeant Shane Pilmer, executed two drug search warrants in Takahiwai Rd. Takahiwai.

It was the final phase of Operation Bay, which began in late 2020 targeting the sale and distribution of methamphetamine in the Bream Bay and Whangārei

Three men were arrested and a total of 39 drug charges were laid.

Ivan Wiremu Watene, a patched member of the Head Hunters Motorcycle Club, pleaded guilty to 18 charges of offering to supply or supplying methamphetamine. He was sentenced in July 2021 to 10 months home detention, which is to be served in the Far North.

Barry Walker, a Mongrel Mob gang associate, was charged and convicted on six counts of offering to supply or supplying methamphetamine, and six counts of selling cannabis, six counts of possessing cannabis and offering to supply stimulants. Walker was sentenced to seven months home detention at a Hastings address.

Zion Skudder was charged with six counts of offering to supply or supplying methamphetamine and possessing methamphetamine for supply. He was convicted on offering to supply or supplying charges and was sentenced to nine months home detention to be served in the Tauranga area.

The Police Meth Harm Reduction Team was established in 2017 in collaboration with the Northland District Health Board and together they formed Te Ara Oranga. The main goal of Te Ara Oranga is to reduce methamphetamine demand by enhancing treatment services and increasing responsiveness. Senior Constable Mark Stuart is a member of the Meth Harm Team based in Whangārei. He said, "The Police work hard to identify those supplying or manufacturing methamphetamine and also strive to ensure methamphetamine users are put in touch with the appropriate health services through a referral process." If you or someone you know would like help to get off methamphetamine or as a whanau you would like to gain a better understanding of what is happening to a particular whanau member who uses methamphetamine, please call Alcohol Drug Line on 0800 787 797 or contact Whangarei DHB - AOD Treatment on 09 4304101 ext 3537 or 0800 223 371.

You can also contact the police Methharmreductionteam@police.govt.nz.

If you would like to report drug dealing in your community please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, this is an anonymous service.

Another big container ship



The 294 metre long Antwerp Bridge arrived with 1,289 containers on 4 August.

Dispatch of containers was expected to begin on Tuesday morning 10 August with Northport once again rolling out a complex logistics operation with trucks only able to book an entry time at the port once the container they are assigned to pick up has been cleared.

Some will be trucked to the railhead in Whangarei for transportation to Auckland as Kiwi Rail upgrades ???

This is the fifth container ship to come to Northport since the 261m Constantinos P was diverted from Ports of Auckland last December with 1340 containers containing goods for the Auckland Christmas market.

Since then the Constantinos P has returned twice in April and mid May and the Tianjin Bridge, 294m, arrived in January.

Peter Heath of Due North, who handles media enquiries for Northport, said the arrival of big container ships at Northport is now nothing out of the ordinary.

He said as long as problems with freight congestion persist Northport would be doing what it could to help out.

Asked why there are ongoing problems with freight, Mr. Heath said the problem was worldwide.

"Because of Covid 19 ships have ended up in all sorts of places and it is taking some time to sort all this out."



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Safety upgrades planned for SH1 intersections

Representatives of Waka Kortahi – The NZ Transport Agency were in Ruakākā last week talking to landowners and householders along the 1km stretch of State Highway One from Sandford Rd. to the Port Marsden Highway roundabout.

Clint Hangar and Jon Pheloung explained that Waka Kotahi is consulting with local people about what safety improvement can be made on State Highway 1 from Whangarei to Wellsford with the aim of reducing the rate of deaths and serious injuries along this 83km stretch of highway.

The project would be delivered in three stages. The consultation underway in Ruakākā concerns the central section from the roundabout to Waipū Gorge Rd., just north of the Brynderwyn Hill.

Mr. Hangar said that one messure, which could be implemented quite quickly but which was likely to have a marked effect on traffic safety would be to install a flexible cable barrier in the centre of the road separating northbound and southbound traffic. between Sandford Rd and the Port Marsden Highway roundabout.

He said the central barrier on the northern side of the Brynderwyns had resulted in a decrease in the number of fatal and serious injury crashes there.

The barrier would mean drivers coming out of Sandford Rd. or from driveways along this stretch would not be able to make a right turn. But Mr. Hangar said early discussions with some of the residents and parents dropping children off at Ruakākā School indicated that many drivers opted to take a left turn and go up to the roundabout rather than risk crossing the highway.

"People are already thinking along the same lines as we are."

Mr. Pheloung and Mr. Hangar will be attending the next Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Meeting on Tuesday September 14 to discuss this and other possible highway safety upgrades. and they will be



The Shoemaker Rd. intersection

at the Waipū Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting on Wednesday 29 September.

The Waipū meeting, which will be held in St Peters Church in Nova Scotia Rd. from 7pm will be a public meeting and one of the topics covered will be ideas for improving the safety of the various intersections along the central section (between the Port Marsden Highway roundabout and Waipū Gorge Rd.)

Richard Morris, the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers secretary, invites people to contact him via his email address: richardmorris01@xtra.co.nz, with questions they would like put to the Waka Kotahi representatives. Although initial planning and early consultation on the safety upgrades has begun, this project depends on the outcome of an application for funding the Northland based team has made to the national body. Waka Kotahi funding allocations for the next three years are expected to be announced within the next two months. The Waka Kotahi webpage with updates about the Whangarei to Wellsford highway safety project can be found at: www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-northland/sh1-whangarei-to-wellsford/



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Art'n Tartan tickets now on sale



Scottish Winds designed by Aimee Tomes and modelled by Shardae Healy took the Supreme Award at he Waipu Art'n Tartan Awards 2019

Tickets for this year's Art'nTartan Wearable Art contest and show are now on sale from www.eventfinda.co.nz. From Monday 16th August Eventfinda tickets will also be available at the Waipū Museum, Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm.

The streamlining of the show into one big "open" category, as well as the popular mask section for children, has resulted in a record number of entries, with 35 in the open category and around a dozen in the masks. Entries have come from as far afield as Auckland, Kerikeri and Tauranga. To replace the category prizes presented in previous years there will be host of special prizes. As well as the Alison Turner Memorial prize awarded to the supreme winner there will be an award for the best use of tartan, the Country Dawn award for the Best Sewn entry by a student under 18 - the prize for which will be a state-of-the art sewing machine, an award for the most quirky entry, one for the best entry "Reflecting the Diversity and Unity of Our Peoples" and the popular People's Choice Award among others. Preliminary judging is on 29th August.

The show will be held in the Celtic Barn, Waipu on October 15th and 16th with a matinee on Saturday 16th. Tickets are expected to sell fast

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Waipū Library chidren's section gets an upgrade



Waipū librarian Lindsay Dobbinson in the new look children's section at the Waipū Library

It's the Waipū Library children's section which is undergoing an upgrade. In the last 5 August issue we incorrectly stated the chilren's section upgrade was underway at the Ruakaka Library, which was news to the volunteer librarians who run that institution.

At the Waipū library there are some new bright yellow book shevles. There have also been new books purchased, a cull of some of the older books and Bream Bay College art students are working on a mural to brighten up the walls.

Waipū librarian Lindsay Dobbinson said the children's section has picture books, early readers and books for young adults. Picture books are the most popular with borrowers although grandparents often take out books for older children staying with them during the school holidays.



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A problem with newly cut roadside banks



The bottom section of Massey Rd., a distance of 1.5 kilometers was sealed last month and the residents are pretty happy about the results.

There is, however, a problem as resident Julia Hart explained, the road has been widened and the roadside banks have been cut into at a vertical angle, which has made them subject to slippages.

During the heavy rain, which fell on Monday 2 August large hunks of the banks fell away bringing down trees onto the road while the fallen clay blocked the roadside drains causing flooding over the road surface.

When the above photo was sent to Jeff Devine, Strategy and Planning Manager for the Northland Transportation Alliance he thanked the Bream Bay News for the information and said, "We will investigate and fix."

Two new neighbourhood support groups in OTP

Constable Dean Gillingham reports there have been quite a few enquiries from people wanting to set up new Neighbourhood Support Groups in the Ruakākā and One Tree Point area since a public meeting on Neighbourhood Support was held at the Bream Bay Community Trust in June.

Neighbourhood Support Whangārei Area coordinator, Jan Maunder said two groups are almost underway in One Tree Point.

Some however decided not to take things further.

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Takahiwai Northpine Warriors in a tussle for top spot in Auckland Competition

The Takahiwai Northpine Warriors are in a tussle for number one spot in the standings in the Ray Cranch Premier Rugby League Championship in Auckland. Takahiwai was top of the table until last Saturday's game when they played the Waiheke Rams on their home turf. Waiheke won that game 30 -14 reversing the result of a match played at Takahiwai last month. Takahiwai now shares the top ranking with Waiheke and the Avondale Wolves. Each of these three teams has played eight games in the competition, winning five and loosing three.

Two more teams: the Mangere East Steelers and the Pukekohe Pythons are close behind with four wins

apiece

This Saturday 21 August Takahiwai will play Avondale at the Whangatea Domain near Matakana. The game starts at 2.30pm.

The name Ray Cranch was given to Auckland Rugby Leagues premier second grade competition in 2020 to honour New Zealand's oldest surviving Kiwis international player.

The Takahiwai team is playing in Auckland this season as there were not enough teams to run a premier rugby league competition in the mid north.

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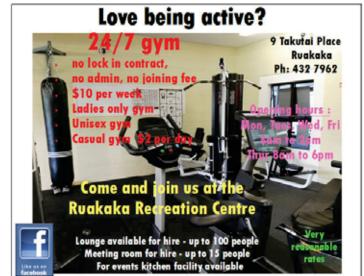
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Tai Chi	Monday 11am to 12pm	Monday 11am to 12pm \$3 A		
Yoga	Monday 5:30pm to 6:30pm	Eazter 02041365367		
Zumba Gold	Tuesday 8.am to 8.45 am	Tuesday 8.am to 8.45 am \$5		
Zumba Gold	Thursday 9.30am to 10.15am, starts 15.April 2021	Thursday 9.30am to 10.15am,starts 15.April 2021 \$5		
Aerial Yoga	Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm,booking essential	\$18	Barbara 0212998840	
Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm	\$5	Lu 4328541	
60's up	4th Friday of month 10am to 4pm	\$12 annually fee	Joy 021491887	
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WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- CAMBRIDGE STUD NORTHLAND BREEDERS STAKES At the Ruakaka Races Saturday 21 August. Gates open 11.30. First race expected at 12.20pm. Featuring the Group 3 Cambridge Stud Northland Breeders Stakes and the Ruakaka Cup over 2200 metres
- OTP ARTISAN MARKET One Tree Point School and Hall. Sunday 22 August 9am - 1pm. Proceeds to the Whangarei Hospital Children's Ward.
- OPEN MIC NIGHT, ON NATIONAL POETRY DAY Friday 27 August, at 6.30pm at the Kauri Museum. Poetry and music will be performed by poetry competition finalists and local artists, and an open mic session will allow public participation. Entry is \$5.
- FUNDRAISING CONCERT by Bream Bay College music students. At Land and Sea Cafe on Sunday 29 August from 3pm. \$20 entry. Tickets at the door
- RUAKAKA RACES Saturday 11 September Harcourts Tai Tokerau Cup and Harcourts Hats, Heels and Handbags fahion fundraiser for Hospice.
- THE WAIPŪ SUNDAY MARKET next on Sunday 12 September . 9am 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET Next on Sunday 19 September from 9am 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove
- ART •N TARTAN WEARABLE ART AWARDS 2021. Waipu Celtic Barn 15th & 16th October 2021. Tickets now on sale at the museum or on event-finda
- WAIPŪ MUSEUM 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am 4pm
- KAURI MUSEUM. Open daily 9am 5pm. 5 Church St. Matakohe. Current exhibition Portraits of Our People An exhibition of portraits from the past, the present and the future, featuring Kaipara residents, made by Kaipara people. www.kaurimuseum.com

Selected for Fiji U21 team



Lathan, fourth from left, with his family: his mum Hayley, Step father - Jason Falevaai - and his three "sports crazy" brothers Cody, Shay and three-year-old Tobias.

Lathan Aull was selected last month to play for the NZ Fiji Under 21 Rugby team. Lathan lived in Ruakākā from 2014 and played for the Waipū Under 14 team before he joined the Horahora Club. He moved to Wellington in February 2021 and this year has played for the Petone U21 Colts and Premier Reserves.

The Fiji Under 21s played their first game against Bay of Plenty U21s last month in Rotorua.

Lathan's mum Hayley said, "It was a very close game which was played in true Fijian style, big hits, end to end rugby sprinkled with a few full field tries. The game came down to the last minute with Bay of Plenty holding out to take the win 19 to 17." She said, Latham is the eldest of four sport crazy brothers: Cody Aull who plays in the Whangarei Boys High 1st XV and has represented Northland in age group rugby teams for a number of years, as did Lathan, Shay, who has been a national junior weight lifting champion and is currently playing for the Waipū Rugby Club and their three-year-old brother Tobias who "thinks he is just as much a part of each team" and will start rugby next year.

Hayley said her family is very grateful for all the support they have received from the Bream Bay community.

"Latham was so grateful and humbled by his selection for the New Zealand Fiji U21 and said he didn't think he would have been there if we hadn't moved to Ruakaka and been involved with, and supported by, everyone in this Northland Community. He was humbled by the many well wishes from family and friends and personal video messages he received from old team mates."

Lathan's father Edward Aull is from Fiji.



Lots of happy faces at the Waipū Lions seniors' dinner



Getting into the party mood were: Mavis Wright, Christine Martin, Marge Corner, Marge and Bett Grinder, Kit Singleton, Kaye Langsford and Ngaire Knightly. Around 90 of Waipū's senior citizens attended the dinner.



Carol King and newly appointed Waipū Lions President Malcolm Norton load up the serving table.

The delicious smell of a roast chicken floated up the road outside the Waipu Coronation Hall on Saturday 7 August when the Waipū Lions hosted the annual senior citizens lunch.

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Double happy at the Ruakākā Races



Kiran Hardy of Whangārei dressed for mid winter Christmas at the Races theme.

The next race day at Ruakākā will be the Cambridge Stud Northland Breeders Stakes on Saturday 21 August. Feature race is for three-year-old sprinters over 1200 and has a prize pool of \$80,000. Gates will open at 11.30am. Racing starts at 12.30pm and continues to 5pm.

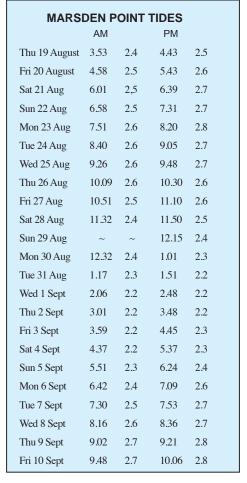
Then on Saturday 11 September the Harcourts Tai Tokerau Cupwill be held along with the Harcourts Hats, ,Heels and Handbags fundraising fashion event modelling clothes from the Hospice Shop in Whangārei. .



Don Rollo has followed racing all his life. He grew up near the Ellerslie racetrack and one of his earliest memories is of his parents taking him along to the races in a pushchair.

He has even been part of a syndicate and held part ownership in race horses. He remembers some of the more successful horses Waitahu Warrior which won some races and Stevie which won some races and was eventually sold to American interests

These days Don is very controlled in his betting, putting \$1 for a win and \$4 for a place on each race. He knows what he is doing and usually manages to finish the day with a few more dollars than he started with.





A few people would have been a bit more than Double Happy when a horse by that name, a rank outsider paying \$22 for a win, won the Ruakākā open handicap over 2100. The jockey was Masahiro Hashizume and the horse is trained by Emma and Shaun Clotworthy at Karaka.

Community planting day on cycleway Sunday 29 August, 9am

A second community planting day is planned for Sunday 29 August on the Waipu Cycleway. This follows on from last year's hugely successful native tree planting when 90 people turned up and 2,500 plants were in the ground within an hour.

Plants survived well through the summer and a weed action team led by Ian Bennett and supported by Sara Brill, Weed Action Piroa Brynderwyns Co-ordinator, are well into the work of removing kikuyu, ink weed and other invasive plants. Trail users will shortly notice the difference this small team are making.

"This year we plan to extend the planted area between McLean Rd and Estuary View Heights and interplant between last year's trees. We have had a number of pohutukawa trees and other native plants generously donated by locals and the Whangarei District Council coastal tree giveaway; but we could always do with more" says Ann Neill, Waipu Cycle and Walkway Committee member. To donate more native trees call Ann on 027 432 1833.

To join the community planting meet at 9am on Sunday 29 August.at 566 Cove Rd, Tahamoana for off road parking Useful tools are spades, shovels, wheelbarrows, and garden gloves.

Image below:

Community planting day 2020, Waipu Cycleway.





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9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park			
9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop			
10.10am	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)			
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3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus		
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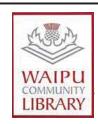


OTP Artisan Market

One Tree Point School (field and hall)
Fundraiser for Whangarei Hospital
Children's Ward
Sunday 22 August
9 am to 1pm. Spaces available
call Sue 021 530 153
or 09 432 8112

Come and Support Local.

LIBRARY HOURS



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10am - 1pm. Tuesday 10am - 4pm.



Takutai Place, Ruakaka 432 8406 Mon - Fri 9:30am-3:30pm Sat 9am-1pm

JP Service available Saturdays 10am - 11am.

PUBLIC NOTICES



7pm on Monday 20th September 2021 at the Hall, Sandford Road. All welcome

"ONLINE BANKING IS HERE"

Banks have stopped processing cheques! Cheques have become a thing of the past & Internet banking is the future!!

A FREE WORKSHOP

is being offered on Tuesday 31st August @ 1pm 2021 Open to non-members/members who feel dubious about using online banking Please register by phoning 4327 692 and leave a message. Hosts - SeniorNet Bream Bay 7 Kepa Road, Ruakaka

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE



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Ruakaka

Ms AP Paki 09 432 8262/021 149 1625 Darrell Trigg 09 432 7256/021 332 901 Ken Orr 09 432 8215 JM Archibald 021 227 4355 Wayne Buckland 09 432 8226 Ext 703 PH Goonan 021 824 825

One Tree Point

09 432 8336/0274 777 210 Jules Flight 09 432 7868/021 612 442 Sir John Goulter 027 415 9486 MM Jolley

0274 300418 Ian Bogue

Waipu

Trevor Vaile 09 432 0400 Mr. L.M. Hitchens 022,656,4055

09 929 9729/027229 9752 Mr. D.A. Scott

027 292 0524 Ken Couper

Make contact with a Justice of the Peace (on any day) and make an appointment to have your documents completed.

Only current Association members are listed.

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 9 September The deadline for all copy is 4pm on Wednesday 1 September

WAIPŪ TENNIS CLUB AGM -Thursday

2nd of September 2021 5.30 pm at the clubhouse in the Caledonian Park

LOCAL PEOPLE READ THE BREAM **BAY NEWS** IT IS AN EFFECTIVE PLACE TO ADVERTISE



Bream Bay Medical Centre Ltd. Ruakaka Town Centre, Ruakaka



Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm Saturdays: 9am - 12pm

Marsden Cove Medical Centre 1A Ngawaka Lane, One Tree Point

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm

Please advise at time of booking if you require an extended consultation.

We will be closed from 3pm - 5pm Wednesday 25 August 2021 for staff training.

Ph: 432 8060 Fax: 432 8230

WAIPU BOWLING CLUB

4A South Rd.

Outdoor bowls, an activity for all ages. **Opening Say Sunday** 19th September at 1.30pm.

New members are very welcome

Have a Go Day Saturday 2nd October

Call in anytime between 10am and 3pm Bowls, coaching and lots of encouragement provided Please wear flat soled shoes/jandals

Enquires to Ventry Reid 432 0325



Bream Bay Community **Support Trust**

Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone 09 432 7197

SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

- · Social workers
- Family violence support workers
- Youth services youth workers
- Youth hang out space
- Schooling family liaison
- Community Connector
- Driver mentor programme
- · Free Kia Ora Ngatiwai medical clinic each Wednesday 9am - 12noon by appointment
- · Free budgeting service by appointment
- Narcotics Anon Wednesdays 6.30-730pm

Workbridge, which helps people realise their potential and find employment will be at the Bream Bay Community Trust every Tuesday. Phone 432 7197 to book an appointment.

WAIPŪ COVE RESERVE BOARD 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

To be held Sunday 5th September, 11am in the All-weather Room at Camp Waipu Cove Contact 09 432 0410 or waipucovereserveboard@gmail.com

WAIPU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association will be held on Wednesday August 25 at 7pm in the Waipu St Peters Angoican Church, Nova Scotia Rd., Waipū.

Then on Wednesday 28 September at 7pm, the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers will be hosting a public meeting with guest speaker Jon Pheloung of Waka Kotahi who is interested to hear local people's views on possible safety improvements on State Highway One from the Port Marsden Highway to Waipū Gorge Rd.

BREAM BAY SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian Camellia Ave, Ruakaka: 8.45am. The Centre, Waipu: 10.15am. Prayer Service: 7pm

Encounter 223 Marsden Pt. Rd, Ruakaka, 10am.

Anglican 1st and 3rd Sundays - St Paul's Ruakaka 2nd and 4th Sundays -St Peter's Waipu. All services start at 9 30am

Catholic Holy Family Church, Ruakaka,10.30am. Mass or Liturgy of the Word

Lifepoint. 300 OTP Rd,10.30am.

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Selling Bream Bay

Waipu Real Estate



Art Deco Home Near The Water SET DATE OF SALE (Unless Sold Prior) Closes 31st August at 4pm

- Rare opportunity to purchase a home on 1115m2 so handy to the water.
- The hard yards have been done and the finishing touches are required.
- Two-bedroom home, a sunroom, modern bathroom, spacious laundry.
- Open plan living with large sliders flow out to an entertainers' deck.
- Johnsons Point is so close for fishing,
- kayaking and collecting pipi and cockles. Cross the estuary to the beach for fantastic surf

OPEN HOME: 397 Cove Road, Waipu Sunday 22nd Aug & 29th Aug 1-1.45 pm Judy Guy 027 221 5623 WPU11346



AUCTION (Unless Sold Prior) Sunday 12th September at 10am

- Fully refurbished, 3-bedroom home set on an 809 m2 section
- North facing, abundant light and a layout designed for easy living. · Heat pump in the open plan living, kitchen
- and dining area. · Lock-up single garage, 2 carports and
- sheds · Plenty of room to park your boat and the motorhome.
- Established fruit trees brings year round delight.
- · Easy stroll to Waipu village. OPEN HOME: 34 Shoemaker Road, Waipu Sat/Sun 21st/22nd August 1-1.45 pm

Lyndie Mullins 021 101 6389 WPU11347

09 432 4000



BREAM BAY REALTY LIMITED (LICENSED: REAA 2008)

www.waipurealestate.co.nz

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The Centre, Waipu





COMMANDING WATERFRONT POSITION

- Views out to Whangarei Harbour
- 4 Bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- 2 Bedroom, 1 bathroom separate accommodation
- Double garaging plus office space
- Across road to Reserve and playground Set Date of Sale, Closes 2nd Sept 2021 bbrealty.co.nz #4065 JOANNE DEWSON AREINZ

Mob: 021 780 622 | Bus:09 433 0300

LA POINTE = LA STYLE

- 3 Bedroom brick & plaster family home
- Recently modernized throughout
- Heat pump & heat transfer system
- Bi-fold doors opening to private patio
- Low maintenance courtyard Walk to the Harbour

bbrealty.co.nz #4060 FIONA SOUTHORN MN7M Mob: 021 317 775 | Bus:09 433 0300

COASTAL SECTIONS LOT 3—530m2 \$436,000 LOT 4-566m2 \$445,000

With the development of these sections due this winter it is a great time to buy. Landbank for your future forever home by the sea. With services to the boundaries and covenants to protect your investment.

. bbrealtv.co.nz #4055 & #4056 JANINE GOLDSMITH AREINZ Mob: 021 432 793 | Bus: 09 433 0300





DOUBLE VISION #1—3 Bedroom Home

#2-2 Bedroom Accommodation Privacy, location and opportunity.

Walking distance to the school, Town Centre and beach.

What do you envisage?

Tender, Closes 27th August 2021 bbrealty.co.nz #4064 JANINE GOLDSMITH AREINZ Mob: 021 432 793 | Bus: 09 433 0300

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD Much loved lifestyle block approx. 4 acres. Mixed land gradient and rural views. Landscape consists of native trees, flower garden, vege garden, pond and lawn. Far enough away from the crowd for absolute tranquility but only 10 mins from Waipu.

Price \$499,000 | bbrealty.co.nz #4032 FRANCIE STOKES

Mob: 022 656 0165 | Bus: 09 433 0300

New Listing DARGAVILLE SECTION

Price \$239.000

- New Subdivision
- Flat site for easy build
 - **Simple Covenants**
- Size 626m2

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